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THE OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL BANQUET



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of 10 early!

Reservation
cut-off on
March 1; do
not delay.

The Owasispe Staff Associations fifth annual meeting and dinner dance will be held on March 5, 1983 at the Northwest Builders Hall, 4848 North Central in Chicago. (Please see the enclosed flyer for a map) We would like you to feel that our dinner dance is an event which all of your family and friends are welcome to attend.

This years price is \$19.00/person (\$38.00/couple) for a family style dinner, live music, an open bar and all of the fun of this gala annual event. You can not go wrong on this deal!! It should be pointed out to some members who have not attended past annual meetings, that some of our members plan a year or so in advance for this event, and travel great distances to attend. They come to

feel the spirit of the O.S.A.; to experience the emotional warmth as the Owasispe Hymn comes to a close. If Joh Chicow from California, Chuck Norman from South Carolina and John Scott-kowsky form Minnesota could be at last years meeting, you can attend this year. So don't delay, mail your reservation today! The cutoff date is March 1, 1983. No tickets can be sold after this date. Don't miss the fun!!

information center

Outlook for Year Ahead

March 5-	Annual meeting
March 14-16	Shop-N-Share
April 23	Candlelight Bowl
May 2-4	Shop-N-Share
May 20-21	Garage Sale
June 5	S&H Cut-Off
June 3-5	Owasippe Fix-It
August 21	Owasippe Fix-It
August 28	Picnic
August 29-31	Shop-N-Share
October 7-9	Family Weekend (OSR)
November 25	Pizza Night
December 12-14	Shop-N-Share
December 17	Children's Christmas Party

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

"REFLECTIONS" -by Ron Kulak

As we enter our sixth year of organized existence, images of our beginning come to mind, and it is fascinating how the OSA has matured into a viable camp fraternity.

In January 1978, there was only a limited vision of the future. Few back then dreamed of building a camp shower facility or foresaw the mailings of "Vibrations" as we know it today. Conducting a survey of camp unit leaders was out of the question, and 300 members seemed beyond reach! The board was content to meet on a very informal basis and talked of yesteryear (which then seemed limited to 1969-1975). We still chuckle over how our original ideas were written down on a napkin!

As each year went by, additional people became involved, ideas and imaginations came alive, more services and activities were organized and problems were overcome. Throughout each new episode, the word spread, and our 260 members now reach from coast to coast and breach almost every decade of Owasippe's great history. Our committees meet independently to organize activities and are involving an increasingly wider assortment of members. Today, there is very little time to reminisce as the agendas are packed with topics involving operations and planning (which now, incidently, focuses on a five-year period).

Coming this far has not been without road-blocks. Through persistence and the dedication of many, the OSA has accomplished its tasks and will continue to do more for the camps as well as for the members in the future. Our thanks should go to each person who believes in our potential, performs a task, chairs a committee, or makes other contributions to our cause. No magical switch was "flipped" to make things happen. Individual resolve, teamwork and Owasippe camaraderie has done and will continue to do wonders. It can be sensed that there is a united spirit to continue as an even more vibrant and resourceful staff association. (continued next column)

I hope you will have an opportunity to attend our annual meeting on March 5th and share in a fine evening of fellowship. My best wishes go out to you and your families for a safe and prosperous New Year.

CAMP SURVEY III

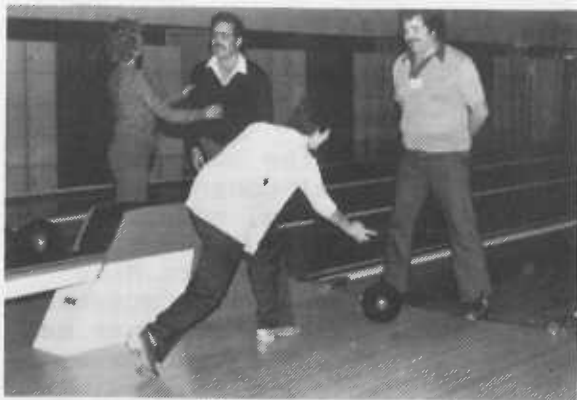
The results of the 1982 Owasippe Leaders Survey are complete and, as always, the results run the gamut of possibilities.

Staff services at OSR continue to maintain a high level of rating. For the first time in the three years of the survey, one camp, Wolverine, scored above four (on a scale of 1-5) in all categories. Leaders comments were filled with examples of individual praise. The staff(s) of Owasippe received the best overall scores on the survey.

Food Services scores varied widely across the reservation. Ratings for Camps Crown and Wolverine remained consistent with the previous years. Scores at Blackhawk were lower than previous years and Sauger was in the same range. Leader reaction to the cafeteria style of feeding at the dining halls were mixed and a clear decision in this area is not evident. In the Facilities area, scouts expressed most concern for the quality of camp equipment and showers. Tents, cots and floorboards were the focus of heavy criticism. The Trading Post is one area which showed steady improvement. Leaders commented on inoperative latrine facilities and delayed maintenance. The Outpost Program raised concern with leaders. Each outpost was criticized, none praised. This indicates that more care must be taken in the development of the outpost and the administration of the program. The condition of the trail system also received frequent criticism.

In the Program area, scouts expressed general satisfaction with the availability and variety of the program. Aquatics, once again received the highest praise and score. Many leaders felt that the Baden Powell Program is no longer emphasized or meaningful.

In general, the survey shows a substantial need to improve in some areas and this survey should prove a useful tool to help achieve these improvements.



The Bowling Night

Our first Candlelite Bowl held on October 23rd at Marzanos Bowl was a great success. Our very warm regards go to Sharon Baker who had the idea and carried through so well on all the arrangements. The members of the OSA and their friends who attended numbered 66 in all.

This was a great bowling activity for all; 2 games of regulation bowling (Scotch doubles) and 2 crazy games. Much of the fun came in watching the other couples bowl, even more fun than attempting the frames yourself!! Some of the couples were a bit unusual to! Like Jack "Tiny" Norman and Jerry Brown hamming it up for everyone.

After the second game a buffet dinner of fried chicken and beef sandwiches were served. If you missed this fun event, make a point not to miss the next one on April 23rd when Gale Stoffregen will chair the event, which again promises to be enjoyable for all. Again special thanks to Sharon who did such a marvelous job with arranging the festivities for all of us.



PIZZA NIGHT

The 1982 edition of the pizza night was a good time for all of those who attended, thanks to Kevin Murphy and Larry Gersh the co-chairmen.

The evening began with the gathering of old friends. Soon everyone was having a great time.

A slide show was presented from the archives of Ron Kulak, and many people saw themselves for the first time as they truly were in the days gone by. We all had hair and some were thinner than they can remember. It was like seeing the tops of your shoes again.

Thanks to "The Unstoppable" Bob Bavirsha we even had heat when the furnace of the hall went crazy at the last minute.



TO THOSE THAT HELP...



Thank You!

TRAIL SYSTEM UPDATE

Through years of neglect and ad hoc maintenance efforts, the trail system at OSR has gradually fallen into a state of disrepair. The OSA together with the Chicago Area Council has come to appreciate the program value that the trails have to offer. We must now recognize the need to revitalize the system and promote its use.

Many long term creative ideas have been discussed, but the immediate concern for the summer of 1983 is to give that part of the system south of Blackhawk a facelift. The basic changes which can be realized from the current system follow:

- 1.) Selection of the best that the RED and YELLOW Trails have to offer south of Camp Blackhawk and consolidating them into one trail which will be RED.
- 2.) Extending both the RED and BLUE around Owasippe Lake and having them meet at Camp West.
- 3.) Reopening the ORANGE Trail around Wolverine Lake.
- 4.) Adding WHITE trails to connect sections of the RED, ORANGE, and BLUE.

We would like to learn of any ideas which you might have for the development of the system. Please share them with us in writing and mail to:
TRAILS COMMITTEE
Owasippe Staff Association
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, Illinois 60153

Also, if you are interested in heading to Owasippe for a weeked to work hard in clearing and then marking the trails, please let us know.

Working on this project are some of the finest trailblazers in the OSA, John Grout, Tom Crissey, Bill Dopke, Dave Schlichting, Jim Richerson and others have all given valuable time and effort into this exciting endeavor. We need your ideas and we need your support. The plan that the committee has submitted is far-reaching to say the least! The Owasippe Trail system of the future is here, if we put our best foot forward! Let's do it!

MEMBERSHIP

As of October, the OSA has a new membership committee! Congratulations to Phil Koehl, Chairman, and to this energetic and resourceful new team. Joining Phil on this team are Mike Nelson, Jack Copeland, Jack Coussens and Ed Kinnerk. The committee has met several times to identify and prioritize their projects for the coming year. The following are the highlights for this year;

- 1.) Active recruitment of past as well as present staff members.
- 2.) Explore additional membership.
- 3.) Establish an installment program for Life Membership.
- 4.) Enlarge the Membership committee with energetic people.

This committee needs you help in identifying potential members. We need recruitment that stems from the exchange of ideas and member participation.

The time for renewal of our membership is upon us. We hope you have not forgotten us and will forward your annual dues. Dues for each year is only \$5.00. We would like to encourage you to remain as an active registered member who can share in the future of the organization and grow with us.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Raymond Thomasson-(LIFE)

Stevan Resan

Remy Ludwig

David Stark

Tom Spicka

Dan Lenkart

Anne Marie Wyatt

Richard Christensen

David Demerer

William Holecek

Schiller Colberg

Michael Finnegan

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Hey!

IT'S...THE
GALLOPING GRAPEVINE!

Thanks to Peggy Paxson, we were able to contact Stevan Resan from Carlisle, Pa. Steve is now a new member! He first worked on the Camp West Staff in 1958 followed by service at Camp Dan Beard from '59 to '61. His final year on staff was at Camp Stuart in 1963.

While on staff, he was also the Order of the Arrow summer chief. Steve is a veteran scout leader having some 20 years of volunteer leadership under his belt. He is presently employed by Carlisle Syn-Tec Systems as a product research engineer. Our hardy greetings go to our new member!

Let it be known that there is now a member of this organization who pre-dates Sheridan Nunn at the Big O! Mr. Remy Ludwig served on the Camp Dan Beard Staff in 1927 and then on the "GHQ" Staff from 1928-1933!! Remy hails from Flat Rock, North Carolina. He had an opportunity to revisit Owassippe just this past summer. Not only was it an eye-opener, it also brought back some very fine memories. Remy was quite impressed with the camps progress over the years. We are honored to have him as a member of our team!!

We would also like to welcome an associate newcomer, Dan Lenkart. He is a retired Scoutmaster of Troop 371 in Hickory Hills and the father of two past Owassippe staffmen, Tom and Kevin. Dan and his family now reside in Montague, Michigan. Dan's new business is also nearby, the White Lake Bowling Lanes which he purchased in September. We wish him well with his new business.

"KUDOS" To Our Members

Glen Roberts and Bill Foertsch, both long-time Scouters, have received the Silver Beaver Award at the Chicago Area Council Annual Recognition Dinner on January 29.

This Award is the highest honor a scout council can present for meritorious volunteer service;

Bob Ward who was recently "called-out" at the Owassippe Lodge Banquet for the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow;

Bill Rogers who has received the District Award of Merit and the Scouters Key Training Award from the Phoenix District.

We would like to welcome one of our newest members, Bill Holecek, to the O.S.A. Bill is employed by Yugoslav Airlines (JAT) as a sales representative. Bill was recently sent to Yugoslavia for two weeks. In his position he promotes their programs, service and tourism. We know Bill likes to travel because while on staff for six years, he worked on six different camp staffs! 1973 CIT (Stuart); '74 aquatics at Sauger Lake; '75 aquatics at Camp Blackhawk; '76 aquatics at Wolverine South; '80 aquatics director at Camp Wolverine; and as aquatics director at Camp Robert Crown in 1981. We wish him well in his new endeavors!!

Roger Humphreville still resides in Texas country. He has to rope a steer, but as an Amaco geologist he was able to do the onsite geological evaluation for a new well in Papua, New Guinea. While down there for two months, he rubbed elbows with the local aboriginnes. They're probably the wildest looking bunch he has seen since being on the O/A ceremonial team at Owassippe!!!

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Grapevine Continued...

The Chicago Area Council, in November, appointed Mike Liskka as District Executive of Marquette Trail District. Mike has been a professional scouter in Cicero for several years and has recently graduated from the B.S.A. National Executive Institute in Arlington, Texas.

His responsibilities in Cicero are now being handled by another past staffer and OSA member, Mr. Jim Gallagher.

Our best Get-well wishes are extended to Owasippe Head Ranger Ed Hoolehan who is at home recovering from a shoulder ailment.

There was a festive change in the residence of ranger Bob Halston this past Christmas season. For the first time in six years Bob went all out in decorating his home at 9900 Russell Road. A Christmas tree, tinsel, ornaments, lights inside and out were all part of the decor. Thanks Bob, we enjoyed your holiday spirit!!

A big welcome home to member Mike Drazba. Mike is home from his Antarctic experience. It's too bad he had to break his wrist in three places in order to come back early. Welcome back !!

Anybody happen to pass by Grant Park this winter? If you did, then you were one of many that probably viewed some ice sculptures that were exhibited there on December 18th by Jim Richerson!!

FOUND 'EM: Paul Walters and wife Cindy live in Bedford, Texas. He is employed in Arlington as an adjuster for Nationwide Insurance.

Our best wishes go out to other members who are actively pursuing educational interests ;

Vicki Accardi who is in the last leg toward completing her Masters degree in Special Education from Northern Illinois University in Dekalb. She just began an educational internship for counselling of the hearing-impaired.

Rick Lowy is also returning to school for further work toward his career. Rick's studies will also be at Northern.

After going through a grueling 8-hr. exam in August, Chuck Norman received his certification as a forester with the South Carolina State Forestry Service. He has been assigned to the Sand Hills State Park.

Ed O'Neill teaches behavioral disordered students in District 214 and he coaches high school football and basketball at Hersey High. Ed has taken some of his students to the Big O for a week for some hiking and canoeing around Lake Wolverine. This was their second trip as a group up there and they are planning one for '83. Ed and his wife are expecting their second child . Due date: Jan. 1!

On November 19th, a future television anchorman was born to proud parents Chris and Kathleen Bury. Jack Bury checked in at 8lbs. 13oz. The Burys now live in Chicago. Congratulations to the new parents on their first born!!

SMILE



you're among
friends

Grapevine Continued...

Any day now Linda Monahan is expecting to give birth to the newest family member. Proud dad Pat is waiting patiently.

Also, the stork is encountering some headwind as it travels to the Nizioi residence. Phil (Chauncey) and his wife Mary Beth are anticipating a mid-January delivery of their second child.

OK, one more time! New baby, this time is expected to grace the lives of Ron and Mary Pezdek. Reports are in that their arrival is due on/around August 15th. It's Ron and Marys second child.

SUMMER CAMP

News Briefs

On the Council Camp Development and Properties committee proposed the following summer Owasippe fee scheldule for 1983;

section camp boy fees: \$69/wk.
leaders fees: \$40/wk.
lone troop boy-- fees: \$11/wk.
leaders-- fees: \$11/wk.
Camp Reneker--- fees: \$80/cbn.

The camp will maintain the tradition of allowing one leader to attend free-of-charge for every 8 scouts in that unit that attend the section camp. This applies to lone troop camps, but for only 4 boys that attend will a leader go free.

The section camp fees for boys have increased by \$6 from 1981, a 9.5% increase. Since 1980, the camp fee for boys has increased 30% (\$16).

Camp News Continued...

Jim Chandler, Director of Camping, attributes the new escalation to projected food service increases (12%), salary increments, equipment replacements and unregulated utility costs. Mr. Chandler points out that csouts at Owasippe get more for their dollar than at most suburban council camps (whose weekly fees are at least \$75). Also, unlike most other summer camps, Owasippe has available campership grants for Chicago scouts willing to earn part of their way to camp...via the Henry A. Johnson Campership fund.

The Calumet Scout Council Administation has announced the closing of its summer camp facility near Rockford, Camp Kishwaukee. They have entered into an agreement whereby Cal-Council will actively promote Owasippe to their units as their summer camp. For two years, units from the two councils will be accepted at Owasippe on a first come, first served basis, without any surcharges.

15 Cal-Council units camped at Owasippe in '82. It is estimated that 65 Calumet troops will attend "The Big O" in '83...roughly 600 scouts. So far, no plans have been made to open a fifth section camp as there is some doubt whether the camp budget and overall camp attendance could substantiate this opening.

The previous Reservation Director of Owasippe, Ed Black, is the Director of Support Services for Calumet Council. He is personally overseeing their camp transition and promotion. The OSA has assisted him with camp promotion teams at three District Roundtable meetings in January and February.

The 1982 real estate taxes paid for Owasippe property were \$92,807. This was down from 1981 by \$3,800. The tax paid was on a total area of 6,890 acres. The reduction in the tax was the result of a new tax reassessment and other corrections made by Muskegon County.

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Camp News Continued...

As printed in our last issue, the OSA is helping promote Owasippe in a specialized capacity, such as presentations to adult groups or to out-of-council groups. Recently, on January 5th and 6th, two promotion teams visited the Calumet Council district roundtables in Muenster and Hammond, Indiana, respectively. Another roundtable promotion is planned for Feb. 1st in Tinley Park and one is set for Feb. 2nd in Olympia Fields. We will also be assisting with special commissioner promotions in the Chicago Area Council in the near future.

Rudy Pesut, George Johnson, Pat Monahan and Joe Sener have helped and handled the presentations to date. If you are interested in helping out on the needed job of camp promotion, call Joe Sener at 961-5608.

A new Owasippe "high-adventure" experience will be offered to the explorer units this summer through two options. The first package which will be offered June 17-20 and again on August 19-22 will feature a variety of outdoor and adventure packed activities as well as career counseling. The second program, August 10-17, will be identical to the above plan except the post will sail across Lake Michigan to Whitehall (and back) as their mode of transportation to camp!!

Chuck Nagel and Gordon Stiefel are conducting a study of winter program and housing at Owasippe. Under consideration is the use and possible expansion of the Guest Lodge and Health Lodges and the administration of snowmobile rules. Although this winter there was somewhat of a shortage of snow at camp, this study should benefit any future plans for a complete winter program.

ITEM: The council-sponsored Hike-a-thon on November 13 raised \$13,600 in camper fees and support for camp...

The Hike-a-thon was a great success, over 1,400 people participated. The next one is planned for November 19, 1983.

A CAMP RENAMED!!! On December 3, the Executive Board of the Chicago Area Council renamed Camp Sauger Lake in honor of Raymond N. Carlen.

Mr. Carlen was a past president of the Scout Council (1972-1975). It was through his volunteer leadership and service that Owasippe was able to be developed into the unmatched camp facility that it has become today.

Camp Sauger lake was opened in 1969 but was closed in 1975 because of a decline in camp attendance. It reopened last year with a new dining hall and a handsome facelift.

Mr. Carlen retired as Vice-Chrmn. of Inland Steel in September, 1982. He continues to serve the interests of Scouting by acting as the chairman of the Board of Counsellors, an advocacy group of prominent Chicago corporate leaders. Best wishes for the continued success of the section camp now known as Camp Carlen!!!

For the first time this coming summer, Owasippe will sponsor a "Scouter Senior Citizen's Week" during 8th period, August 13-19, at Camp Reneker-Family camping and Training Center. This will be available for those 55 years of age or older (spouses too) who are registered Scouters, were Scouts and Scouters at one time, or had children or grandchildren active in Scouting. Co-chairing the event will be Glen and Madeline Roberts who have actively been involved in Scouting for some 40+ years. Activities will center around the Family Lodge where games, handicrafts, programs, movies and slim-nastics will be held. Also available will be swimming, golf, boating, tennis and other special trips and activities.

Participants are to supply their own bedding and also, cooking and dining utensils. The cost per cabin is \$80 for the week. Optional food service will be available and ranging in cost. All reservations will be taken through the Council Service Center,,559-0990.

The Ultimate Challenge

This new and exciting program which will be inaugurated during the summer of '83 is a challenging outdoor physical experience for Scouts or Explorers 14 years of age or older. The young men must have had a long-term camp experience at least twice before. A professional in the Chicago Area Exploring field is heading up the new summer opportunity.

The OSA has accepted to stand as an advisory group for programming and facility construction if needed. The course is tentatively set for 4 afternoons and one evening each week at Owasippe. The program involves various obstacles and problem solving that will require teamwork, personal fitness, strategy, fortitude and courage. This program has all the ingredients of a genuine character-building Scout function of camp!!

A Montague contractor has approached the reservation ranger staff with a proposal for timber management in the Camp Crown-Camp Carlen vicinity. This is currently under evaluation by a council committee to determine the advantage and/or disadvantage of additional camp logging.

The trustees of the Museum face the task of developing displays that will educate and enthuse visitors with Owasippe's exciting history. Their needs are twofold. They are seeking donations of old Scouting items. If you or anyone you know has any memorabilia or display cases with which you would be willing to part, contact Sheridan Nunn, Chrmn. of the Board of Trustees, at (312) 530-8867 or through the Council office (312) 559-0990. Any cabinets or frames and display cases would greatly be appreciated for the proper showing of Owasippe historical past.

The Facts Speak for Themselves.



The guest lodge overlooks the Gus Kopp Dam. It was built by the Wolverine Club 30 years ago and is now used for winter camping at Owasippe.

Tales of Owasisippe

Brown's Pond...A Cache of Watches

A man named Brown built a dam on Sand Creek where Rochdale now stands. Close by he built a water power saw mill.

Having dammed the creek he thus formed a pond, which still remains and bears his name. This pond was the scene of the last big lumber drive in the White River country. The Covell's, who made this last drive, built a railroad which ran from Ferry to the pond.

In 1894 there was a wreck on the line near Ferry, in which seven were killed and two injured. This road was used till 1895, the year of the last drive, and then was torn up. Remains of it may yet be seen, though the track clearing has since overgrown with bushes.

About 1910 or 1912, a group of Chicago promoters bought the land and subdivided it for lots. A new dam was built and the course of the creek changed, but one can still see

the site of the old dam and creek bed.

The boarding house of the mill hands was used as the nucleus for a large inn built later on.

Patsy Moran, a local character, while taking out stumps for the Fruitvale company, found a large number of watches under a stump, so corroded by exposer that they were useless. what local highwayman or money lender put them safely away and neglected to mark the hiding place?

Any member interested in placing an ad to promote their business, sell that car, announce a garage sale may do so for \$10 a column-inch. For instance, this space would go for \$20. Another idea to defray our growing costs and to help the members. We'll only print four column-inches per newsletter. Send photo-ready copy.

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